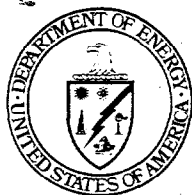


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Dear Academician Kundiev:

As you are aware, our office has been carefully reviewing the progress of the cataract study, especially the worker dosimetry. This review began in May following receipt of the semi-annual progress report from the project dosimetrist, Dr. Vadim Chumak. Because of the questions surrounding the progress report, it seemed prudent to ask Dr. Chumak to prepare an Interim Report on Cataract Dosimetry. We conducted an internal review of the Interim Report. This led to a series of followup questions and responses and culminated in a conference call with you, Dr. Peter Vitte, Dr. Chumak, and Dr. Basil Worgul on August 1, 2000. You requested and we granted you until September 30, 2000, to respond to our questions.

As the study will enter its sixth and final year on October 1, 2000, we believe that the cataract study could greatly benefit from an external review focusing on worker dosimetry. To that end, I am in the process of assembling a group of ad hoc reviewers whose charge will be to evaluate the work accomplished to date and recommend a course of action for the study's last year. I plan to conduct the review after receipt of your response to our questions. Upon review of the reviewers' comments, we will make a decision about how to restructure the work.

Because I believe that maintaining the infrastructure of ophthalmologists in Ukraine is critical to the successful completion of the study, I intend to fund you for the first quarter of fiscal year 2001 in the amount of \$10,000. This will permit you to perform 1,500 eye examinations (at \$3.00 per exam) plus \$5,500 for additional expenses related to the collection of this information.

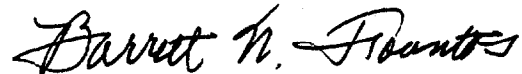
To that end, at your earliest convenience, please prepare and submit a budget for conducting the eye examinations for the amount of \$10,000 for the period October 1 through December 31, 2000.



After we decide how to restructure the work based on input from the ad hoc reviewers, I will ask you to prepare a new annual work plan and budget.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on (301) 903-6740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barrett N. Fountos".

Barrett N. Fountos
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